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U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

**May 19, 2023**

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

AMANDA BANTA; SHARP  
SHOOTING INDOOR RANGE & GUN  
SHOP, INC.; THE RANGE LLC; AERO  
PRECISION LLC; NATIONAL  
SHOOTING SPORTS FOUNDATION,  
INC.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ROBERT W. FERGUSON, Attorney  
General of the State of Washington;  
JOHN R. BATISTE, Chief of the  
Washington State Patrol,

Defendants.

ALLIANCE FOR GUN  
RESPONSIBILITY,

Defendant-Intervenor.

No. 2:23-CV-00112-MKD

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO  
INTERVENE AND MOTION TO  
EXPEDITE

**ECF Nos. 25, 28**

Before the Court is nonparty the Alliance for Gun Responsibility's Motion  
to Intervene, ECF No. 25, and related Motion to Expedite, ECF No. 28. The

1 Alliance for Gun Responsibility seeks to intervene as a defendant in this matter.  
2 With its Motion to Expedite, the Alliance informs the Court that intervention is not  
3 opposed. ECF No. 28 at 1-2.

4 In a separate matter, *Brumback, et al. v. Ferguson, et al.*, No. 1:22-CV-  
5 03093-MKD, the Court granted a similar request to intervene from the same  
6 intervenor. 343 F.R.D. 335 (E.D. Wash. 2022). In that Order, the Court denied  
7 intervention by right pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 24(a) and granted intervention by  
8 permission pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 24(b). Given the similar nature of the cases,  
9 the lack of opposition, and referring to the Court's analysis in *Brumback*, the Court  
10 grants the Alliance permission to intervene in this case pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P.  
11 24(b).

12 The Alliance "intends to file a proposed answer by May 25, 2023." ECF  
13 No. 25 at 11-12 n.2. The Court's May 15, 2023 Order extended the date for  
14 Defendants to file an Answer to 21 days following a ruling on Plaintiffs' Motion  
15 for Preliminary Injunction. Pursuant to the Court's May 3, 2023 Order, the time to  
16 respond to Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction is June 1, 2023, and the  
17 time to reply is June 15, 2023. ECF No. 15. The Alliance explains that it seeks to  
18 "participate from the case's early stages without disrupting or delaying the  
19 proceedings or prejudicing any party." ECF No. 25 at 10. Therefore, the Alliance  
20 is directed to adhere to the previously entered briefing schedule if it seeks to

1 respond to Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction. Plaintiffs may file a  
2 single reply to any responses to their Motion for Preliminary Injunction.

3 Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

4 1. The Alliance for Gun Responsibility's Motion to Intervene,  
5 **ECF No. 25**, is **GRANTED**. The related Motion to Expedite, **ECF No. 28**,  
6 is **GRANTED**.

7 2. The Alliance for Gun Responsibility shall be allowed to  
8 proceed as Defendant-Intervenor in this matter.

9 3. The District Court Executive is **DIRECTED** to amend the case  
10 caption as set forth in the caption of this Order.

11 4. Defendant-Intervenor shall adhere to the briefing schedule set  
12 for the in the May 3, 2023 Order, ECF No. 15.

13 5. Defendant-Intervenor shall file their Answer 21 days following  
14 a ruling on Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction.

15 **IT IS SO ORDERED.** The District Court Executive is directed to file this  
16 order and provide copies to the parties.

17 DATED May 19, 2023.

18 s/Mary K. Dimke  
19 MARY K. DIMKE  
20 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE